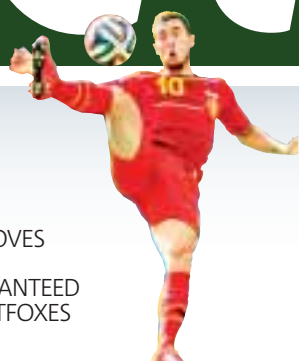


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ment usually gives local sports  
stores a lift every four years, but  
getting the products to sell has  
been tough this time around.London's Source for Sports  
owner Colin Hopper said it's  
been "a total mess" getting in-  
ventory from both Adidas and  
Nike, the store's two major sup-  
pliers.Both companies have been  
having distribution problems,  
causing major delays in getting  
product to stores across the  
country.

"By strange coincidence,

they both installed new com-  
puter systems at the very same  
time last winter," Hopper said."Our soccer buyer, Nicole  
(Carter), has been working her  
butt off to get the inventory we  
have. If she hadn't been work-  
ing so hard, we'd be kind of lim-  
ited to flags."Hopper said he met with  
Nike representatives last week  
and the situation is slowly be-  
ing rectified. One order, placed  
in September for a May 1 deliv-  
ery, arrived last week.He also said it was a "night-  
mare" filling minor soccer  
league orders on time as well.Meanwhile, World Cup soc-  
cer interest is alive and well, ac-  
cording to Betty Klodt, owner of  
The Flag Shop on Exeter Road."I would say there is a lot  
more interest and what's been  
really exciting this time around  
is the car flags for the World  
Cup are our No. 1 seller," Klodt  
said.Both Hopper and Klodt  
agree that the top four WorldCup countries for Londoners  
are the Netherlands, Germany,  
Portugal and Italy.But ordering heavily for cer-  
tain countries doesn't always  
work out. Such was the case for  
Hopper two years ago for the  
Euro championships.On that occasion, the Neth-  
erlands was in the Group of  
Death, and scored only two  
goals while losing consecutive  
matches against Denmark, Ger-  
many and Portugal."We really loaded up and  
they crapped the bed," Hopper  
said of the 2012 Euro Dutch ex-  
perience. "I personally bought  
and gave away orange things  
for the next year, including  
Christmas."Meanwhile, Klodt said many  
people this time are buying a  
flag for the country they are  
cheering for and a Canadian  
flag at the same time."So they are putting a Can-  
ada flag on one side and their  
country of choice on the other  
and that's great fun," Klodt said.Kascie Shewan and John Sonier, employees of the Source for Sports on Wharncliffe Road, show their  
enthusiasm for the World Cup by supporting plenty of its teams all at once. **MIKE DONACHIE/METRO**

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London Humane Society investigator Chris Chew checks the temperature inside a London police cruiser. Fortunately, the dog in the front seat isn't real — because it was more than 40 C inside the car. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

# Pets in hot cars can die in 10 minutes

**'Huge number of calls'** London Humane Society teams up with police to relay message they say is not getting through to everyone



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It's a message that some people refuse to get. A pet, a car and the summer sun are a deadly combination.

That's why the London Humane Society and London po-

lice were stationed at PetSmart on Fanshawe Park Road Sunday. They placed a stuffed dog and a thermometer into a police cruiser and closed the doors and windows. In minutes, the temperature soared up past 40 C and continued to climb.

"We're receiving a huge number of calls for dogs who are potentially in distress after being left in vehicles on hot days," said Humane Society executive director Judy Foster. "This is a situation that's entirely preventable and it's also a very serious situation because dogs can suffer permanent brain damage from being left in a hot vehicle and they could also die."

## Deadly temperatures

The Ontario SPCA receives hundreds of reports of pets being left in cars every year.

- Parked cars can quickly reach deadly temperatures, even on relatively mild days with the car parked in the shade and the windows slightly open.

Investigator Chris Chew pointed a temperature laser at the dashboard of the car. It read 71 C.

He shook his head when talking about a man who had

come to London from another city to work for the day and left his dog in his vehicle. When he was finally contacted, he argued that he knew what was best for his dog.

"With a high temperature, in as little as 10 minutes your best friend can die because you left him in the car," Foster said. "If it's hot for you, it's way too hot for them to be left unattended in a hot vehicle."

London Police Const. Danielle Wright said officers don't fool around when an animal — or a child — is locked in a hot vehicle. "We'll break a window, if we have to," she said.

The Humane Society phone number is 519-451-0630.

## Interim leader

### Councillors expected to pick a mayor this week

We could know the name of London's newest civic leader by Tuesday night.

The procedure for picking the interim mayor — needed due to the resignation of Joe Fontana amid the fallout from his criminal trial — has been revealed in a report from the city clerk.

City staff is urging the remaining 14 council members not to waste time.

The recommendation is that council declares the mayor's seat vacant at a special meeting Monday, then votes in a replacement Tuesday.

The interim mayor will serve until soon after the election this fall.

It is understood that staff is strongly suggesting that a sitting councillor become interim mayor.

Legally, it could be any Londoner, but that process could leave the city leaderless for up to two months while one is chosen.

Next, council has to pick a ward councillor to replace whoever becomes interim mayor, and that will be a member of the public.

The individuals are expected to be in place by the end of July.

London Mayor Joe Fontana was found guilty of three charges in Ontario Superior Court and officially announced his resignation June 19. Among sitting councillors, only ward 7 Coun. Matt Brown has filed papers to run for mayor. Ward 3 Coun. Joe Swan said he's considering a run. A media release stated that Fontana will not return to public life.

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## Green candidate looking for city council seat

Another prominent Londoner has stepped up to run for city hall, and this one may be familiar from another type of politics.

Kevin Labonte has filed to run for the Ward 5 council seat that's being vacated by Coun. Joni Baechler, who's not seeking re-election. Labonte, 37 years old and married with two kids, has twice been the Green party candidate at the provincial level in London North Centre.

### Other Ward 5 candidates

- William Gordon
- Steve Hogg
- Randy Warden
- Michael Wickett

He took only a week off after campaigning in the June 12 provincial election before he lodged papers at city hall.

Labonte, a law clerk who's

working as a social media manager for a law firm, landed a respected 2,465 votes in his most recent London North Centre bid, up from the 1,451 he had when he ran in 2011.

So why switch to a council run?

"I wanted to continue Joni Baechler's tradition of hard work, honesty and integrity," Labonte said. "I want to serve the city as much as possible. This is just another opportu-

ity to do that."

When he became a candidate for the Greens, Labonte committed to two runs before considering other options.

He says he can bring "Green values" to city hall and "maintain minimal tax increases" while protecting services.

He has a special interest in public participation, advocating "heavy input" into public services, including the planning process. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO



Kevin Labonte, former Green party candidate, is running for municipal office. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

# Old East shows its artsy side

**Poster campaign.**  
Keep an eye out  
for images throughout  
London created by  
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Look at what we're made of, what we've been and where we're going, Old East Village is telling London.

The area's vibrant cultural scene of today has been married with its historic character in a new effort to promote the area. And playing a major role are a creative couple, originally from the former Soviet Union, who could have chosen anywhere to live but opted to join the hubbub of Old East.

Artist Simon Shegelman has created the images behind a campaign that's part of the Old East Village Business Improvement Association's efforts to show the best of the area. Three posters by Shegelman are being distributed.

The first, a colourful collage



Sarah Merritt of the Old East Village BIA and Simon Shegelman with the art for his first poster for Old East. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

showing a historic streetscape and fragments of a 19th-century document that records the sale of property in the area, is already popping up.

"What is thrilling to us as a BIA is that Simon and his wife, Julia, have lived in cities all over the world," said BIA manager Sarah Merritt. "They're like

true Bohemians. Simon is a very renowned artist and Julia is a famous writer in her own language."

Shegelman and his wife are from Latvia, which was a Soviet republic when they left in 1975. When asked why they got out, Simon smiles and says he "was not political."

Seeking a place to retire, they were intrigued by London.

"They finally decided it was the Old East Village they wanted to live in because of the environment and the eclectic, cultural life that is happening here," Merritt said.

Before the poster campaign, artistic change was already hap-

pening in the village.

City council has endorsed the BIA's plans to post colourful street signs with artistic messages along the area's business corridor.

The messages include "Watch for poets," and "Potters Crossing." People can even take a break at an "Idea stop."

## Deterring disease

### Board of health OKs free crack pipe handouts

Health authorities in Middlesex-London have approved handing out free crack pipes to drug users.

The move was approved at the health board's meeting last week after a presentation titled Ontario Harm Reduction Distribution Program: Distributing Safer Smoking Supplies. It's a long name for a simple idea: Offering healthier options for drug users.

"Limited ability of safer smoking supplies have resulted in sharing of supplies," the report said, adding that this practice may lead to increased infections. **METRO**

## Cyclist injured

### SIU seek possible witnesses to crash

Ontario's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is appealing for witnesses to an incident involving a London Police Service cruiser and a cyclist on June 17.

Preliminary information indicates that at about 4:45 p.m., a 39-year-old woman was riding her bicycle northbound on Rideout Street near Baker Street in London. The cruiser drove near the cyclist, who fell and sustained injuries.

The SIU is appealing for anyone who may have witnessed this incident or who has any information to contact investigators at 1-800-787-8529. The SIU is an arm's-length agency that investigates reports involving police where there has been death, serious injury or allegations of sexual assault. **METRO**

# London mom wins home care award



Kazumi and David Alsemgeest and their children Mei, left, and Rey.  
CONTRIBUTED

David Alsemgeest is proud of the 2014 Heart of Home Care award from VHA Home HealthCare (VHA) that his wife Kazumi earned, but he wishes she had never been considered for it in the first place.

That's because two of the London couple's three kids have a rare and fatal degenerative disorder of the nervous system known as Batten disease.

Their son Rey, 10, was diagnosed in 2010. Later that year, they were kicked in the

gut once more when doctors told them their daughter Mei, who's now five, also had the disease.

David holds down a full-time job, which means Kazumi is home with the kids doing whatever it takes to care for them.

The disease renders the body unable to process fatty acids, which then build up in certain areas of the body, including the brain. Symptoms include seizures, a progressive

loss of sight and motor skills and mental impairment. Over time, children become blind and bedridden.

The disease usually proves fatal by the late teens or early 20s, and there is currently no treatment that can cure or reverse its effects.

This means 16-hour days for Kazumi.

"I get to go out and do my work, but she's the one who's done so much," Alsemgeest said. "I'm glad for her, but we'd

much rather not get an award, in that we'd much rather not be caring for two dying children."

The fact that they're able to lead an otherwise normal life beyond the disease makes him proud, he added.

Kazumi is one of four caregivers across Ontario who received the award.

"Caregivers really are the backbone of home care and the health-care system," said VHA head Carol Annett.

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# Quebec helicopter fugitives caught in posh Montreal waterfront condo

**'We've got all three.'**

Police say more arrests likely as investigation looks into possible outside accomplices

The three men who police say escaped from a Quebec City-area jail by helicopter two weeks ago were captured in the early morning hours on Sunday in an upscale Montreal condo.

Quebec provincial police say investigators, accompanied by SWAT team members, arrested Yves Denis, 35, Denis Lefebvre, 53, and Serge Pomerleau, 49, at around 1:30 a.m. inside the residence.

Sgt. Audrey-Anne Bilodeau said the investigation was ongoing and further arrests were likely.

"It could be a person who



An apartment is shown Sunday in Montreal, where three prison escapees were captured earlier in the day. Police say they will likely make further arrests in the case. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

helped them escape from prison, or a person who helped them hide from us," Bilodeau said.

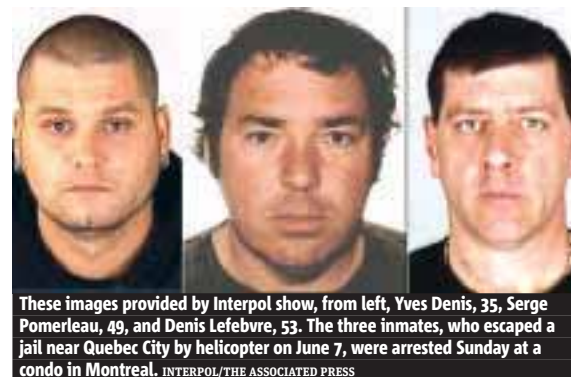
The trio were facing charges,

including gangsterism and murder, before the June 7 jailbreak.

They were to appear in a Quebec City court on Monday

to face fresh charges, but police didn't spell out what the new charges would be.

A woman who lives in the building where the arrests



These images provided by Interpol show, from left, Yves Denis, 35, Serge Pomerleau, 49, and Denis Lefebvre, 53. The three inmates, who escaped a jail near Quebec City by helicopter on June 7, were arrested Sunday at a condo in Montreal. INTERPOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

took place said she watched from her balcony as the men were escorted in handcuffs into a police van.

France, who gave only her first name, had recently returned from a tango class when she heard a commotion.

"I knew something important was happening," she

said. "I saw a police car arrive, then another, and then another ... And then I heard someone say, 'No, it's not a joke. We've got all three.'"

The condo was part of a ritzy new development in Old Montreal featuring a fountain courtyard, just steps from the historic waterfront.

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## Mock phishing test hooks nearly 2,000 Justice staff

Many of the Justice Department's finest legal minds are falling prey to a garden-variety Internet scam.

An internal survey shows almost 2,000 staff were conned into clicking on a phoney "phishing" link in their email, raising questions about the security of sensitive information.

The department launched the mock scam in December as a security exercise, sending emails to 5,000 employees to test their ability to recognize cyberfraud.

The emails looked like genuine communications from government or financial institutions, and contained a link to a fake website that was also made to look like the real thing.

Across the globe, an estimated 156 million of these so-called "phishing" emails are sent daily, and anyone duped into clicking on the embedded web link risks transferring confidential information — such as online banking passwords — to criminals.

The Justice Department's mock exercise caught 1,850 people clicking on the

**Net result**

# 1,850

The mock exercise caught 1,850 employees, or 37 per cent of those who received the phoney emails — much more than the estimated five per cent of the general public who get fooled by similar scams.

phoney embedded links, or 37 per cent of everyone who received the emails.

That's a much higher rate than for the general population, which a federal website says is only about five per cent.

The exercise did not put any confidential information at risk, but the poor results raise red flags about public servants being caught by actual phishing emails.

A spokeswoman says "no privacy breaches have been reported" from any real phishing scams at Justice Canada.

Carole Saindon also said that two more waves of mock emails in February and April show improved results, with clicking rates falling by half.

"This is an awareness campaign designed to inform and educate employees on issues surrounding cybersecurity to protect the integrity of the department's information systems and in turn better protect Canadians," she said in an email.

"In this case, this exercise specifically dealt with the threat from phishing which is increasingly being used as an attack vehicle of choice by cybercriminals.

"As this project progresses, we are pleased that the effectiveness of this campaign is showing significant improvement."

A February briefing note on the exercise was obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

The document indicates there are more such exercises planned — in June, August and October — and that the simulations will be "graduating in levels of sophistication."

Those caught by the simulation are notified by a pop-up window, giving them tips on spotting malicious messages.

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## Turning on the waterworks

Aaron Gould competes at the 2014 Flyboard North American Championships at Harbour Square Park in Toronto on Sunday.

MARTA IWANEK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**Dean Del Mastro**

## MP set to stand trial on charges of voter fraud

A member of Parliament once tasked with defending the Harper Conservatives against voter fraud allegations goes on trial Monday, accused of overspending during the 2008 federal election campaign.

Former Conservative Dean Del Mastro pleaded not guilty last month to charges under the Canada Elections Act.

Del Mastro, who now sits in the House of Commons as an independent MP and insists he did nothing wrong, is also charged with failing to report a personal contribution of \$21,000 to his own campaign.

Elections Canada also alleges that Del Mastro tried to cover up his overspending by knowingly submitting a falsified document.

The trial, before an Ontario provincial court judge in Peterborough, is currently scheduled to last a little more than two weeks, beginning with the presentation of evidence from prosecutors.

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Pro-Russia fighters stand in line to write their signatures under the text of the oath of allegiance to the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic, on Lenin square in the city of Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, on Sunday.  
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# Putin calling for compromise

**Ukraine.** Moscow has rebuffed appeals of separatists in the east to join Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin publicly expressed support Sunday for Ukraine's declaration of a ceasefire in its battle against pro-Russia separatists and called on both sides to negotiate a compromise.

Putin said such a compromise must guarantee the rights of the Russian-speaking residents of eastern Ukraine, who must feel like they are "an integral part" of their own country.

Putin's statement appeared to signal that he sees their future in Ukraine.

Separatists in the eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions have declared independence and asked to join Russia. Moscow has rebuffed their appeals, but is seen by Ukraine and the West as actively supporting the insurgency. Putin's conciliatory words came as Russia began large-scale military exercises and after NATO accused Russia of moving troops back toward the Ukrainian border.

Putin appears determined to keep up the pressure to force the Kyiv government to give the eastern industrial regions more power and to prevent Ukraine

from moving too close to the European Union or NATO. But he also wants to avoid more punishing sanctions from the U.S. and particularly from the E.U., whose leaders will meet Friday in Brussels, and therefore needs to be seen as co-operating with efforts to de-escalate the conflict.

The Kremlin initially dismissed the peace plan that Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko laid out on Friday. But in a statement issued late Saturday, Putin said he welcomed the ceasefire and Poroshenko's "intention to take other concrete steps to reach a peaceful settlement."

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## Albuquerque. Protesters put police chief 'on trial' over 40 recent shootings

Demonstrators advocating for drastic changes within a police agency criticized by the U.S. Justice Department over its use of force put the embattled police chief "on trial" during a rally Saturday.

Hundreds of protesters, including some who brought children, marched from Roosevelt Park with signs and a makeshift coffin inscribed with the names of people killed by Albuquerque officers in recent years.

The Police Department is under scrutiny for over 40 police shootings — 26 of

them fatal — since 2010, and the Justice Department has issued a harsh report over the agency's use of force.

The protesters marched peacefully Saturday before returning to the park to continue the rally.

The mock trial outlined how police Chief Gorden Eden has failed to stop his officers from using excessive force, said David Correia, one of the protest's organizers.

"He has to answer to these charges," Correia said. "They'll all be read before the public."

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# Keep calm and carry on buying a home



HOW TO ROLL  
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Just when you thought home prices couldn't possibly go higher, they have. The housing market is officially going crazy ... again. Having just posted the best May on record, up seven per cent on average nationally since last May, real estate continues to be the best investment ever. Of course, that's only for those who got in before the torrid price moves of the last couple of years, particularly in hot markets such as Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary.

Doomsayers around the globe have long been predicting a collapse of Canadian home prices. Just before Christmas, Deutsche Bank, a fairly sober institution, hysterically stated that home-sweet-home prices in

### It's hot and it's cold

- Hottest real estate market: Northwest Territories, +23.7 per cent in last year
- Coldest real estate market: Yukon, -8.5 per cent in last year

the Great White North were overvalued by 60 per cent.

Proclamations like that get everyone jumpy, but none of them more so than those who purchased recently or are in the process of doing so. Real estate anxiety is understandable since a home purchase is invariably our single largest investment.

If you are fearful of being shut out of the market or hoping to cash in on price climbs ahead, buying now is probably not a good idea. Behavioural economics tell us that the retail investor (whether purchasing real

estate or stocks) tends to get both manic and scared in the face of soaring prices. Those emotions propel us to make impetuous decisions.

Emotional investing also causes us to abandon normal due diligence. Eliminating standard conditional clauses such as a home inspection or financing can make an offer more appealing. But doing so adds considerable risk to the investment.

On the other hand, the impact of purchasing in an inflated market is usually ameliorated by time. The longer the time frame, the less the effect on the investment, whether it is a rental or a primary residence.

We all want to buy low and sell high. But predicting future prices is a mug's game. If the investment of your life is affordable now, and after factoring in inflation and higher interest rates in the future, time will smooth out the downturns to come.

# Fantasy fans bring in real cash to Northern Ireland

Giants, dragons and vengeful queens have for generations populated Northern Ireland's folk tales.

Now, such creatures are visiting the land in a different version — on the sets for the hit television show *Game of Thrones*. But rather than spells and destruction, they're bringing an economic boost to this British province still healing from its past of political violence.

Fans of the HBO fantasy drama would recognize here the landscapes from the fictional land of Westeros — the castle of Winterfell, the seaside cliffs of the Iron Isles and the King's Road leading to the north.

About 75 per cent of the show is filmed in Northern Ireland, both in natural settings and in the Titanic Studios in Belfast.

Since the pilot episode began filming in 2009, attracted by the local government's financial incentives, the show's presence has helped foster a film industry that is catching the eye of other Hollywood productions.

And Northern Ireland is



Tourists pose for photographs on the North Antrim Coast, close to Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and Larrybane headland. Larrybane was the dramatic spot chosen for Renly Baratheon's camp in Season 2 of *Game of Thrones*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

promoting the filming locations as tourist destinations.

The latest — and perhaps most illustrious — visitor is Queen Elizabeth II, who will tour the studio sets on Monday.

But thousands have already been visiting from across the globe.

Cara and Tom Collins from Springdale, Ark., were in Ballintoy Harbour recently to see the rocky coastal setting used in the show for the Iron Isles,

a kingdom of rugged sailors.

"You can just close your eyes and picture everybody there," said Tom.

The Season 4 finale of *Game of Thrones* earlier this month was watched by 7.09 million viewers in the United States according to prime-time viewership numbers compiled by the Nielson Co. That makes it HBO's most-watched program since *The Sopranos* in 2007.

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### Orwellian conduct?

## Thai police detain protester reading Orwell

Police in Thailand arrested eight people Sunday for demonstrating against the nation's military junta, including a man who was dragged away for reading a copy of George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* during a staged silent reading outside one of Bangkok's most luxurious shopping malls.

The arrest was the first known case of anyone being detained for reading as a form of protest since the military seized power last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# LEND A HAND TO PAY OFF LOAN

A few thoughts pop into my head when I reflect on my student-loan past.

None are fit for print. The road is a long one that started with a naive and wide-eyed 18-year-old, happy to have the opportunity to pursue post-secondary education. Now in my 30s, I'm still on the road, saddled with an outstanding student-loan balance that's much higher than I would like.

If I could go back, would I do things differently? I certainly didn't realize how long it would take to pay the loans back (along with the interest). But then again, I also didn't know how different the financial realities would be for my generation compared to those of my parents' generation.

Yet, if I have it bad, the graduates who have entered the job market since the 2008 recession have it even worse. Student loans today take longer to pay off now, plain and simple. According to Statistics Canada, the average number of hours (at a minimum wage job) required to pay for an undergradu-



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ate degree in 1975 was 230. In 2013, it was 570, up nearly 2 ½ times. Research by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives notes that the annual tuition cost for a dentistry student in 1975 was \$664, whereas in 2013 it was \$17,324.

The national average student debt today is about \$25,000. That is no chump change.

Meanwhile, the job market is in a sad state of affairs. Have you spoken with a young teacher lately? If so, odds are that it was at your local Starbucks — with that person behind the counter.

Full-time jobs in teaching (and many other fields) are hard to come by. How can people survive, let alone pay back their student debt, without full-time work? And how will the government ever get its money back?

There has to be a better way — for both parties. One idea that has caught my eye is volunteering as a way to pay back a portion of

one's student loans.

An organization in the U.S. called SponsorChange.org is doing just that, matching non-profits with skilled grads looking to contribute to a good cause while also reducing their debts. A portion of donations to the non-profit goes specifically towards a volunteer's student loan debt.

This type of setup could be government-run as well.

Last month, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced a \$40-million paid internship program that will help a measly 0.7 per cent of post-secondary grads.

Instead of creating a handful of paid internships (essentially paying lip service to opponents of unpaid internships), why not create a program where new grads can volunteer in areas the government could use skilled labour? How about health care? With an aging population, it seems like that would be an area of need.

One thing's for sure: The combination of ever-growing student debt and the scarcity of jobs is unsustainable. There has to be a better way. It seems to me this type of volunteer work-for-debt reduction could at least be a start.

## ZOOM

### He's not just an ugly face



**Peanut, a two-year-old mutt, "smiles" after winning the World's Ugliest Dog Contest, at the Sonoma-Marín Fair, in Petaluma, Calif. GEORGE NIKITIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

#### Bulging eyes + big heart = winner

Meet Peanut, a sweet, energetic mutt, whose wild white and brown hair, bulging eyes and protruding teeth helped him clinch the title of World's Ugliest Dog in Petaluma, Calif. over the weekend.

Although Peanut is healthy now, he was seriously burned as a puppy, resulting in bald patches all over his body.

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#### Homely champ to raise awareness

His owner, Holly Chandler of Greenville, N.C., hopes Peanut's victory will help raise awareness about animal abuse.

"We're trying to use him as a poster child for what can happen to animals who are abused," she said.

She plans to use the \$1,500 prize to pay for other animals' veterinary bills. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Top-dog winning combo

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### Storm chasing in South Dakota



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Last week was a rough one, tornado-wise, including in our own country, with a twister touching down in Angus, Ont. that damaged several homes.

But this South Dakota storm system captured by a vehicle full of adrenaline junkies last week takes the cake. Several bright white vortices twist and dance around one another, wreaking havoc on anything in their path — including a farm that gets torn to pieces around the three-minute mark. (TVNWeather/YouTube)



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Want to hear the stripper-inspired White Lilies? Scan the photo with your Metro News app to listen to the song!

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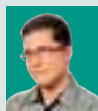


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This collection of humorous memos, letters, and text messages imagine the off-screen interactions of our favourite movie characters, where the shark from Jaws keeps a therapy diary and the Walking Dead zombies commiserate together online. Clever logos and fonts complete the inventive gags for Don Draper's self-reflecting cocktail recipes and an exasperated court-ordered letter from Dora the Explorer's Mom.

Game of Thrones

## Upcoming season to be strongest yet: co-creators

Some Game of Thrones fans who have read the novels that inspired the TV series are wondering if the show's next season might lack a little punch.

Readers of the A Song of Ice and Fire books might think the next bit of the story is a little less compelling than what played out in the fourth season, but show co-creators David Benioff and Dan Weiss say there won't be a dip in drama.

"After finishing season 3, we were nervous about season 4 — we'd been looking forward to the Red Wedding for so long that once we shot it, we feared everything beyond that would seem like an anti-climax," the duo tells Entertainment Weekly.

"Now that we're nearly finished with the first drafts of each episode, we see no reason why the coming season shouldn't be the strongest yet."

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# High on life and in a Haze

**Rap.** Angel Haze sits down to discuss strippers, sexuality, polygamy and why women are better to date ... oh, and she talks about her music, too.

RICHARD PECKETT

Metro World News in London

Rapper Angel Haze is making the media as excitedly fidgety as a room of school-boys who've stumbled upon a top-shelf mag. She's dating a girl. And she's a celebrity. It's Ireland Baldwin, the daughter of Kim Basinger and Alec Baldwin, which would make the "best of girl-on-girl lovers" lists in the tabloids, if such a thing existed.

Haze — real name Ray-keea Angel Wilson — is happy for the press to have a field day with it.

She's in a good place right now and is keen to move on from divulging the details of a frankly dismal childhood, when she was a victim of rape at the hands of so-called family friends. The 22-year-old Detroit native says she's ready for some "fun" with her next album, due out this summer, called *Troubled Child*.

Unlike her well-received but weak-on-sales debut album *Dirty Gold*, this one won't be leaked. Haze, who is on a Mary Jane high, talks strippers, sexuality and social media.

**You've been teasing the press and public with images of you and Ireland Baldwin on social media. But before we get to that, why did you make a track on your debut album *Dirty Gold* about a different girl... a stripper?**

Oh my god, the girl from (music track) *White Lilies*. She's beautiful!

**Strippers usually have a set play, so what made this stripper's chat so interesting?**

I suppose that even the most beautiful things have the ugliest view. I like to think of her as a house in the Hollywood Hills: You go so far up the hill and you can see everything and it's a really pretty house with a really s—tty view.

**What made her so special?**  
She's beautiful. I was ob-



22-year-old rap phenom Angel Haze is ready to move on from her past. CONTRIBUTED

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"I don't think sexuality is an incredibly important thing. It's correspondent to me saying 'My favourite colour is red' repeatedly — no one gives a s—t. What you do when you're alone has nothing to do with anyone else. For me, I would like to see even 'straight' dropped. Who f—king cares?"

Angel Haze

viously wasted and I wanted to experiment and learn things. I think at the time it was interesting to meet someone and not know anything about them or the stripper life, which you hear a lot of people talking about it, but you don't really know about it until you experience it.

**Was it your first time in a strip club?**

No, no, I met her for the first time a year ago in Stringfellows, London. Peter (Stringfellow) is a good friend of mine.

**Strip-club relationships normally only last as long as a customer's cash flow. Did you see her after that evening?**

I spent a lot of time taking her out and having fun with her and she would just be talking about musicians and

rappers she had been with; I thought it was interesting to have a glimpse into the head of a girl who wants the world, but doesn't see it. It's all psychology to me, so she is just a science experiment.

**In terms of your own life, the lyrics from your EP and *Dirty Gold* seem to be quite cathartic. Have you moved on from that stage in your life now?**

Yeah, definitely. I didn't realize that until I was doing some interviews early this morning, and I was completely exhausted by talking about my past. I was like an 18-year-old girl who had no clue that the world was paying attention and I was just making music because it was cathartic and a release for me and none of the other stuff mattered. Obviously it doesn't mean anything to me anymore, so

talking about it is like beating a dead horse. Now all of the other stuff matters: I've decided to have fun and I'm appreciative where I've landed in my life.

**Your music connects with, amongst others, troubled young children. Do you see yourself as a role model?**

I don't feel like a role model because that means I would do everything that I knew was right and I'm like a f—k-up.

**Are you more 'real' and tangible?**

Yeah, definitely but lots of people would disagree. Some people would think I was a whore or something — my friend over here is like 'uh huh' (laughs). It's cooler to just be real about it — it's not a fairy-tale life.

**Do you feel like you're changing rap's attitude toward sexuality?**

Oh, because I'm like openly queer or whatever? I suppose so, but I don't think people get it still. I can see guys say (transgender rapper) Mykki Blanco or someone who is considered gay and queer. But I think I have female privilege because no one takes it seriously when it comes down to me. They're like, 'She's bisexual.' It will take someone bigger to change rap's attitude, but not me.

**Are you a clingy kind of girl when it comes to relationships?**

Nooo, I'm the entire opposite: I'm what people refer to as a 'thot.' I don't really do committed relationships, ever. It's insane if you find me in one. I'm usually very open ... a polygamist.

**Who's better to date: girls or boys, and why?**

I think girls are better than guys, but that's just me.

**What! Why?**

We're smarter than you guys, more fun, and we smell better.

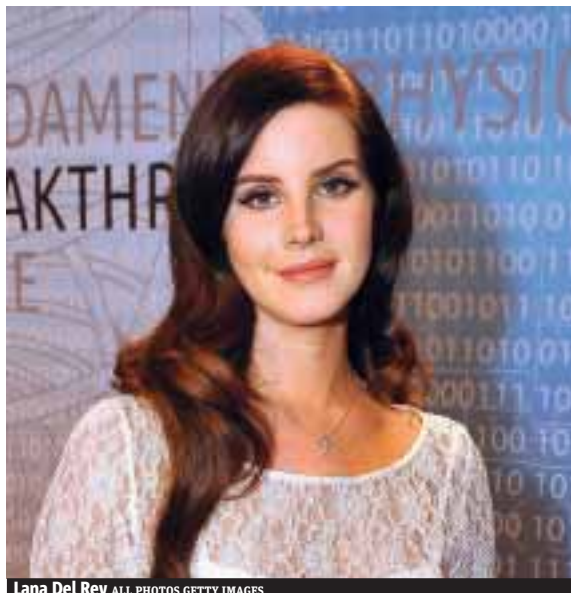
**Girls do smell better. Speaking of relationships, you've also had an awkward one with your label after leaking your record. Have you kissed and made up?**

We've all kissed and made up.

**Will you be leaking your next album?**

Oh, I care for the next record. I will personally shoot everyone who steals it!

# 2 SCENE



Lana Del Rey ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Born To Die singer angry about journo's 'leading questions' on death

Lana Del Rey apparently isn't too thrilled with the Guardian running with her "I wish I was dead already" quote and turning it into a story.

The singer took to Twitter to complain in a series of tweets that she later deleted. "I regret trusting the Guardian. I didn't want to do an interview but the journalist was persistent," she posted about her chat with Guardian music critic Alexis Petridis for an article written for the newspaper by Tom Jonze. "Alexis was masked as a fan but was hiding sinister ambitions and angles. Maybe he's actually the boring one look-

ing for something interesting to write about. His leading questions about death and persona were calculated." For the Guardian's part, Jonze responded by posting the original audio of the interview. "It's not pleasant asking a pop star if she thinks the idea of dying young herself is attractive. It's a dark question, but it's not a leading one," he writes. "She has every opportunity to say no. And she can hardly complain about the subject matter. She'd been talking about her icons all dying young (and) she named her debut album Born to Die."

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## Megan Fox planning to make fewer movies, spend more time with family



Megan Fox

Now that Megan Fox has a two-year-old and a four-month-old at home to think about, she's kind of souring on the whole show business thing.

"I've never been an extraordinarily ambitious girl or career-oriented, but especially once I got pregnant

with my first son and now (having) my second, it's so hard to be a working mom especially when your heart is not in your work, when your heart is with your family," she tells Parents magazine, explaining that for now, she's looking to work only as much as is necessary.

"I have to make one movie a year because I have to invest in their future and I have to be able to pay their way through college and be able to provide for them. I'm looking for movies that will shoot in Los Angeles, for projects where I'm part of an ensemble so I can shoot in and out in 10 to 20 days. It's all about trying to spend as little time away from my kids as possible."

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# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Pop goes the week



## Find Mr. West to direct you to little North



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Kim Kardashian and Kanye West threw a big birthday party for their daughter North West, who turned one. Regrettably, some of the guests got lost due to the directions on the invite: "For North West go south-southeast, then south, look for Mr. West who will guide you to little North. P.S.: If the party goes south, look for exits marked 'This way away from North West.'"

**This Week in Names:** 1) Jenna Fischer's new baby's name is Harper Marie. 2) Kelly Clarkson's new baby is named River Rose. 3) The name Elsa is climbing

in popularity thanks to older siblings who pester their parents to name their baby sisters after the Frozen heroine. 4) Kit Harington who plays Jon Snow on Game of Thrones, says his parents didn't tell him that his real name is Christopher until he was 11. In other words, he knew nothing... (Let it go. The season is over. Just let it go.)

Taylor Swift has reportedly dumped Selena Gomez as a friend because she's tired of hearing about her problems with Justin Bieber. Despite Taylor's best efforts, she hasn't even been able to write a song about it.

Harrison Ford will spend a long time recovering from an ankle injury sustained on the set of Star Wars VII. It will be eight weeks with normal hospital treatment and bed rest, two weeks if he can be convinced to have his leg frozen in carbonite.



Prince William

## Prince William and family to travel in luxury aboard British Heirways chopper

What do you get for the birthday boy who's going to eventually rule everything — in England at least?

Queen Elizabeth II reportedly celebrated Prince William's 32nd birthday by leasing him and his young family a \$13.6-million luxury helicopter for getting around

the country, according to Sky News. The craft can hold up to seven passengers in leather-seated comfort and can fly a maximum distance of 530 miles in one trip. The chopper has already been affectionately nicknamed Heirforce One, according to Sky. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

## A Sting-ing revelation for the kids of former Police frontman

Pop icon Sting says his children won't be getting trust funds from his vast fortune, assuming there's any money left in it.

The 16-time Grammy Award winner and former frontman of The Police told The Mail on Sunday that the vast wealth would be "albatrosses" around the necks of his six children.

The singer-songwriter, who grew up in a shipbuilding community in northeast England, says he told the kids, "There won't be much money left



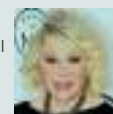
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because we are spending it!"

Sting's wealth was estimated at about \$306 million US by the Sunday Times Rich List.

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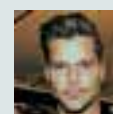
**@Joan\_Rivers**

I hear Shakespeare in the Park is doing King Lear, but with a NY twist. He now dies after being mugged and stabbed.



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I have to make a decision because I can already see that telling my baby no is potentially doing irreparable damage to our best friendship.



**@ricky\_martin**

If you're waiting for a sign, this is it.

# With all 'I do' respect, keep your own financial identity

**Couple's money.** The best route to a strong marriage is to work as a team, but keep your accounts separate



**GAIL VAZ-OXLADE**  
Gail blogs daily at [gailvazoxlade.com](http://gailvazoxlade.com)

It's not unusual for two people who are very different in how they see and manage money to hook up before they've talked about those differences. Then instead of just being a tool, money becomes something they fight about.

I meet people all the time who want to beat me up because I advocate financial independence within couples. "C'mon, Gail, marriage means you have to be a team." "Yeah, it's about trust." "Just because you've been divorced three times doesn't mean we're all headed that way."

Y'know what? They're all right. Every one of them has a point. But nothing they've said has changed my mind. I believe with all my heart that to be strong as a couple, you each have to be capable of standing on your own two feet financially.

## Planning a family?

Being on the same team means you're going to set your goals together and help each other meet those goals. If one of those goals is to have a family, then together you have to decide how you will provide care and money to take care of that family. If one of you decides to stay home, that doesn't mean the money-maker gets to make all the decisions about how the



The strongest couples are those who can stand on their own two feet financially, our columnist says. ISTOCK

money gets spent or abdicate home-care responsibilities. But so often, that's exactly what happens.

It also often happens that the non-working partner ties themselves completely to their mate financially. They share a bank account; there are no individual accounts. They share credit. One may even give up his or her financial identity completely. It isn't healthy. And many a divorcee or widow comes to regret it.

Being financially independent isn't a precursor to or acknowledgement of the fact that your relationship will end unhappily. To be good for each

other and strong together, you each need to be taking care of the money — individually and as a team — and you each need your own financial identity.

You must each be clear about what you need, want, and expect from your relationship.

And it can't just be clear in one person's mind. You have to talk about it, negotiate the grey areas, and come to a happy place where you're each getting some of what you want.

## Stay-at-home partner

For those couples who have one stay-at-home partner, it is important that person have their

own bank account, credit card and savings; yes, accounts in his or her own name. Sure, you're a team, but all that teamwork doesn't do you the least bit of good if the working partner leaves the other partner with no financial identity. Don't confuse having money with having a financial identity; they are not the same thing. Besides, why should the stay-at-home partner be any less financially sound in their own right if you've agreed on this strategy for your family?

A bank account will create a record of money management. Savings will not only help you prepare for the future, it will

signal the right financial behaviour. And a credit card — not a joint card or a supplemental card — will create a credit history.

Don't think that because you're both signed on the mortgage or on a line of credit together your credit histories are being built equally. That's a common misconception. Typically the credit history is reported only for the first signature on the application, so one of you may have no credit history whatsoever. Divorce or death is a tough enough thing to deal with; finding out you're a financial non-person doesn't make it any easier.

## Getting back into the loop

So what if your partner has been out of the loop and now needs to get with the financial program? Having a jointly created plan on paper gives you a starting point for discussing how you're managing the money. While you want your mate to have a sense of the big picture, a detailed budget will help him or her see how all the pieces fit together. Your aim is to share your joint financial responsibilities even as you manage your personal financial identities.

Assuming responsibility for your own financial independence is scary for some people. That idea of independence makes some people want to duck and hide behind words like love and trust and honour and team. But independence doesn't negate any of those things. It enhances them because each day you're choosing to be together, not defaulting to togetherness because you're trapped.

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## Parental ties. Secure kids create better friendships

Not only do strong parent-child bonds mean that kids are more likely to be attentive to friends, they're also more assertive in the face of difficult peers, say researchers at the University of Illinois.

Researchers observed the interactions of pairs of peers in a series of three visits over a period of one month.

Those with strong bonds to

their parents reacted positively in the first meeting of their new friend and were attentive even if the other child was likely to react in anger.

Yet if the new peer partner reacted in anger, children with strong bonds to their parents lost enthusiasm for the friendship.

The study was published in *Developmental Psychology*. **AFP**

## No CAD skills required

### 3D printer for kids keeps it simple

Mission Street Manufacturing has created a playful printing machine just for kids that is part toy, part educational tool. Printeer aims to "bridge the gap between the screen and the physical world" by letting children sketch their designs out on an iPad before manufacturing them. **AFP**

## Meeting goals. Kids with freer schedules do better

Limiting structured activities allows kids to establish interests and self-discipline, according to a new study at the University of Colorado Boulder, one of the first of its kind.

The study, published in the journal *Frontiers in Psychology*, says that kids who spend time reading, playing or exploring nature in the absence

of predetermined structure are more proactive than those whose parents pack their schedules with lessons and study sessions.

They are also better able to meet their own goals than those who are carted from one pre-organized activity to another outside of school and homework, say researchers.

**AFP**

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# Learning as long as you're living may be the best course of action

**Class is in session ... again.** Startup founder takes 30 classes in 30 days to encourage perpetual education

LAKSHMI GANDHI

Metro World News

Over 1.5 million college students graduated this year, packing away their books and embarking on their life adventure in the real world.

A recent study by the Jenkins Group reveals that nearly half of the class of 2014 will never read a book again. Chad Lovell wants to change that. Lovell is the co-founder of AllClasses.com, a search engine that lists

available classes all over the world. Lovell is currently taking 30 classes in 30 days in order to encourage life-long learning. We recently caught up with Lovell as he was heading home from a busy afternoon at class.

**How was class today? What did you end up taking?**

I took a class on day trading stocks and trading options. I've done a little trading on my own, so I was a little skeptical going in (about whether I would learn much). But we were talking about stuff we can do and all of the different options. I'm learning new stuff all of the time. Every class I go to, I tell people what I'm doing and they say, 'That's awesome.'

**How did you pick the class-**

## The human race

**"The world around us is accelerating, and it's changing faster and faster. If you don't invest in yourself, you are going to be left behind."**

Chad Lovell  
Co-founder of AllClasses.com

**es you would take over the course of the month?**

I wanted it to be something that benefits me and that would add value to my business. Half of the classes are concentrated on professional development. I'm also taking classes for my personal benefit. I started power lifting and working on core strength last year,



It's unquestionable that taking on a class can provide great nourishment for your noggin. iStock

and I'm taking a pole fitness class, which is interesting because I'm often the only guy there.

**How did you come up with the idea for the 30 in 30 Learning Challenge?**

I've always been an intel-

lectually inclined person. The world around us is accelerating, and it's changing faster and faster. If you don't invest in yourself, you are going to be left behind.

**What have you learned personally while doing the**

**project?**

Learning is invigorating. It is a bit exhausting running a company and taking all of these classes at the same time, but I am trying to show people that it is possible and that it's important to invest in yourself.

**Your company AllClasses lists all sorts of courses and learning opportunities. What are the topics people seem to be interested in the most?**

It's all across the board. We have 3,000 different topics that people search for. Coding classes and programs like Javascript are popular. Our users are also really interested in marketing classes.

**What's the best reason to take a class?**

No one likes to be boring. ... It makes you more interesting. I'm taking a CPR certification class too, and that could potentially save a life.

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# Hoisin sauce makes meat sub sublime



This recipe makes six servings. ROSE REISMAN



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How often do we drive to a sub shop and grab a variety of these tasty foot-long sandwiches? They're inexpensive, quick to buy and incredibly tasty. But if you lift up the bread you usually won't find the healthiest mix of ingredients. Preserved, nitrate-filled deli meats and loads of mayonnaise or "secret" sauce on a heavy, non-nutritious roll. Not exactly a healthy choice. A regular meatball 6-inch sub has around 500 calories, 20 gm of fat and over 1,000 mg of sodium.

## Make ahead

Make the meatballs and stir-fry early in the day. Gently reheat the meatballs in a 300 F oven for 10 minutes, reheat the stir-fry and assemble.

My hoisin meatball sub comes to the rescue with about half those numbers, making it a much healthier choice. These homemade hoisin meatballs are made with lean beef, freshly sautéed onions, mushrooms and red peppers, and are served on a whole wheat bun with a tasty hoisin sauce drizzled over top. This is not only delicious, but will save you those excess calories, fat and sodium.

Serve this for lunch or a casual dinner with a side salad.

## Directions

1. Combine the soy sauce and hoisin sauce, garlic, ginger, sesame oil and vinegar. Set aside.
2. Combine the beef, bread crumbs, onions, cilantro, 2 tbsp of the hoisin sauce, ginger, garlic and egg until well combined.
3. Make into small 1-inch balls (about 36). Brush with

## Ingredients

### Sauce mixture

- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup hoisin sauce
- 2 tsp chopped garlic
- 2 tsp chopped ginger
- 5 tsp sesame oil
- 5 tsp rice vinegar

### Meatballs

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1/4 cup unseasoned dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro

or parsley

- 1 tsp minced ginger
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 egg

### Vegetables

- 1 1/2 cups sliced onions
- 2 cups chopped mushrooms
- 1 1/2 cups sliced red bell pepper

### Submarine buns

- Six 4-inch whole wheat submarine buns sliced in half

### Garnish

- 1 tsp toasted sesame seeds

some of the remaining hoisin sauce. Bake at 400 F for 12 minutes or just until cooked.

4. Sauté the onions in a nonstick skillet sprayed with vegetable oil until tender. Add the mushrooms and sauté until soft; add the bell peppers and sauté until tender. Add 3 tbsp of the sauce.

5. Toast the submarine buns. Divide the meatballs

overtop the buns and add the sautéed vegetables. Drizzle remaining sauce mixture overtop and garnish with the sesame seeds.

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# Put the 'reward' back in reward program

## Research loyalty programs to optimize your points

Who doesn't love getting what you want — when you get it faster? Finding the right loyalty program — one that gets you the rewards you want — can be complicated, especially when credit cards are factored in.

Whether you are looking for a new card or just curious to see how your current credit card stacks up, it can be difficult and time consuming to get an apples-to-apples comparison of what is available from various providers and how well they might work for you. While selecting a program still requires you to do a little research, a free, online tool is here to help. Compareloyaltyprograms.ca enables Canadians to assess which loyalty programs and affiliated credit cards might get them to their desired reward fastest.

"It's all about the reward. Take a step back and consider what you're looking for — whether it's cash back, merchandise or flights — and then research which programs and cards could get you there faster," say Susan Misner and Laura McDonald, founders of Golden Girl Finance, a site offering financial education in a modern, engaging way to encourage everyone to play a more active role in their finances.

"Where you live, your shopping habits and spending patterns mean that there isn't one program that fits all, so a tool



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like Compareloyaltyprograms.ca really offers a new perspective."

### REWARDS ARE A PERK BEST SERVED FAST

Flights, merchandise or cash equivalent rewards: it doesn't matter what type of reward you're working towards, you likely want it faster, according to a new poll by Environics Research Group. Results show that earning rewards faster (42 per cent) and having more opportunities to earn loyalty points (40 per cent) are priorities for Canadians in their loyalty programs.

Even with speed being top of mind, comparing programs based on time to reward has been difficult to do before now.

"The Environics research has shown that credit cards can play an important part in earning rewards faster: double-dipping, or using a loyalty program card and paying with an affiliated credit card, offers the fastest time to reward," say Misner and McDonald. "And don't forget: a program that gets you to your rewards faster is one that will keep you happy."

### CONFUSION CAN MEAN MISSED REWARDS

Navigating the loyalty program landscape in Canada can be challenging with so many programs and opinions to sort through. According to the Environics poll, the majority of consumers who participate in loyalty programs believe that they can be confusing (almost six in 10 Canadians). Of those, three-quarters (76 per cent) say they are less likely to use a loyalty program if they are confused by how it works — meaning many of us are

## LOYALTY PROGRAM TIPS

**IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE YOUR CREDIT CARD TO PAY FOR YOUR PURCHASES AND EARN LOYALTY PROGRAM POINTS, A FEW TIPS CAN HELP YOU MAXIMIZE THAT SPENDING AND GET YOU TO YOUR REWARD FASTER:**

**USE COMPARELOYALTYPROGRAMS.CA:** It can help you research reward programs and affiliated credit card options to get you to your reward sooner.

**USE CREDIT CARDS RESPONSIBLY:** Spend responsibly and be sure to read the fine print on any credit card you shortlist — if you are not paying off the balance every month or if the annual fee is high, you are not going to be rewarding yourself.

**RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS AND UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SIGNING UP FOR:** Do your own research — do not assume others' opinions about certain cards or programs are 'right' for you.

**DOUBLE-DIP:** You will maximize earnings by using your credit card with the corresponding loyalty program where possible — that means shopping at program-affiliated stores and paying with the affiliated credit card. Earning rewards points this way adds up faster than you might think.

**FOCUS ON YOUR FAVOURITES:** Focus your spending on one or two loyalty programs — targeting your earning on just one or two programs will ensure you reap the most rewards, whether it's flights, cash back or merchandise.

simply missing out on rewards.

Sources of confusion include not knowing how to redeem points or miles for a reward (39 per cent), not knowing which program is best for them personally (37 per cent) and not knowing how or where to earn reward points or miles (24 per cent).

With a tool such as Compareloyaltyprograms.ca on your side, you have a unique, level comparison of the top loyalty programs and affiliated credit cards in Canada.

Answer a few simple questions based on your preferences, location and person-

al spending habits and up to three loyalty programs will be suggested as possible matches for you.

From there, it's up to you to select the right program for you.

Commissioned by COLLOQUY, a LoyaltyOne Research Group, Environics Research Group developed a methodology and online comparison tool that allows consumers to determine which rewards programs get them to the rewards they want as quickly as possible, based on their individual shopping patterns, program features and attributes. COLLOQUY has also provided financial compensation to Golden Girl Finance for promotion of the research and online tool.



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# Reichstein a rolling stone

**London Majors.** Young outfielder continues to impress despite continuous change



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You would need a U.S. road map to follow the college baseball career of London Majors outfielder Byron Reichstein.

Follow closely: Texarkana College in Texarkana, Tex.; Navarro Junior College in Corsicana, Tex.; West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Va.; and now Southern Arkan-

sas University, in Magnolia, Ark.

"Not much going on (in Magnolia)," Reichstein, 20, said before taking the Labatt Park field to help his London Majors teammates move a half-game back of the second-place Guelph Royals with a 16-6 victory Sunday afternoon.

Whatever the changes, it has all been good for the youngster's baseball learning path as he now stands second in the Intercounty Baseball League in batting with a .418 average and an 11-game hitting streak.

Not all of the destinations can be blamed on Reichstein's apparent nomadic instincts — Texarkana College closed its sports program, necessitating

the first move.

The second move took him from a junior college to a university with close to 30,000 students. Once there, that seemed a touch large for a ball player who was born in London and grew up in St. Thomas.

Hence, the move to Magnolia.

Even Majors manager Roop Chanderdat thought his leadoff hitter was still at West Virginia when interviewed Sunday.

It was Chanderdat who made the smart move of putting Reichstein at the top of the

order for the first time in his career.

"He's got all the tools. When I say that, he's got plus arm, plus speed and he's got power. He's very strong and has opposite-field power," Chanderdat said.

Reichstein, a London Badgers product, also has five homers this season.

"I'm usually in the middle of the order. But we've got big guys here so I am one of the smaller guys," he said.

That is if you call six feet and 215 pounds "small."

Reichstein said infielders Cleveland Brownlee and Chris

## Bright future

**"He's got all the tools."**

Majors manager Roop Chanderdat, on 20-year-old outfielder Byron Reichstein

Dennis, as well as outfielders Paul LaMantia and Ryan Lapensee, all weigh in at higher numbers.

"They're all big guys that have played on good teams," Reichstein said. "They know how to approach every at-bat like a power guy."

The win Sunday afternoon completed a three-game weekend home stand, all victories — 10-2 over Kitchener on Friday and 10-7 over Brantford on Saturday.



## MLB

### Scherzer, Detroit bounce back to sweep Cleveland

Max Scherzer pitched six strong innings, Miguel Cabrera homered and drove in three runs, and the Detroit Tigers beat the Cleveland Indians 10-4 on Sunday for a three-game sweep.

The Tigers, swept in a three-game series at Progressive Field last month, have won four in a row overall.

Scherzer (9-3) bounced back from one of the worst outings of his career. The reigning AL Cy Young winner allowed 10 runs in four innings against Kansas City on Tuesday.

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## Women's Open

### Michelle Wie wins first major

Michelle Wie bounced back from a late mistake at Pinehurst No. 2 to bury a 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole. That sent the 24-year-old from Hawaii to her first major championship Sunday in the U.S. Women's Open.

She closed with an even-par 70 for a two-shot victory over Stacy Lewis, the No. 1 player in women's golf who made Wie work for it by making eight birdies in a round of 66.

Sixteen-year-old Brooke Henderson of Smiths Falls, Ont., shot a 69 in the final round to finish in a tie for 10th place.

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### Jays continue to cool down as weather heats up

Jose Bautista of the Toronto Blue Jays cools off in the dugout during a game against the Cincinnati Reds at Great American Ball Park on Sunday in Cincinnati. The struggling AL East-leading Jays lost infielder Brett Lawrie and right fielder Bautista with injuries and fell to the Cincinnati Reds 4-3. Lawrie, twice hit in the left hand by pitches earlier in the week, sustained a broken right index finger. Bautista left because of tightness in his left hamstring, manager John Gibbon said. Toronto was 3-7 on its visit to Baltimore, Yankee Stadium and Cincinnati. JOE ROBBINS/GETTY IMAGES

# Reliable Ekblad ready for NHL

Aaron Ekblad may be the most mature 18-year-old hockey player on the planet.

"Not only does he have a 30-year-old's physique under his equipment, but he also thinks and acts like a 10-year NHL vet," said Dan Stewart, scouting director for the independent scouting service Future Considerations.

Ekblad, a two-way, right-shooting defenceman, knows what he wants to be — not only in this week's NHL draft, but as a pro. He'd love to go No. 1 and continue to mould

himself in the images of Shea Weber, Alex Pietrangolo and Duncan Keith.

More than anything, though, the Barrie Colts captain wants to be considered reliable on and off the ice.

"I don't do too many things that are going to surprise anyone," Ekblad said at last month's scouting combine. "I'm going to be the kind of player that you know what you're going to get from me."

Steady and dependable doesn't put butts in seats,

but Ekblad isn't touting himself as a flashy kind of player. Instead, and more importantly, he has the potential to develop into a franchise cornerstone.

Because of that, the Belle River, Ont., native is the front-runner to be the top pick Friday night in Philadelphia, whether the Florida Panthers choose to keep it or trade it. Buffalo Sabres general manager Tim Murray said last week he expected Ekblad to go No. 1 regardless.

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## Future NHL great?



**"I wouldn't say I'm cocky, but I'm confident and I believe**

**that if I work hard and I do all the little things and pay attention to details, I can be in that league next year."** NHL prospect Aaron Ekblad

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Belgium's Eden Hazard, left, is challenged by Russia's Dmitry Kombarov during the group H World Cup soccer match between Belgium and Russia at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday. CHRISTOPHE ENA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Hard-pressed, but Belgium advances

## Another late win.

Rookie Divock Origi saves the day in the 88th minute.

Twice now, Belgium has relied on a late revival boosted by stamina and its bench to turn desperate situations around at the World Cup. On Sunday, it was teenager Divock Origi who turned a listless Belgian performance into a late 1-0 win over Russia, enough to qualify for the next round.

Belgium barely contained a reinvigorated Russia for most of the match, yet struck with a blistering late spurt of class and opportunism to turn a bad situation into a wild, fist-pumping celebration for coach Marc Wilmots and his team in the 88th minute.

"Why were we good in

| Group H  |          |
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| Belgium  | Russia   |

- The 19-year-old Origi made the squad only because No. 1 striker
- Christian Benteke injured his Achilles in April.
- Belgian goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois won his 100th professional clean sheet. He is 22.
- Belgian King Philippe was at the Maracana Stadium watching the match.

last 10 minutes? Simple — the others were tired," said Wilmots. "The Russians were so tired they looked at their feet, and it offered us chances to counter."

After its dour 1-1 draw with South Korea, Russia produced the kind of sparkle and dominance that had been more expected from Belgium in front of 73,819 increasingly restless fans at Maracana stadium.

With Belgian King Philippe looking on, substitute Kevin Mirallas hit a free kick against the post in the 84th minute, setting off the amazing turnaround. At first it appeared as if late flashes from Eden Hazard would only camouflage a dismal performance.

But then the playmaker made a move into the area on the left and spotted Origi free in the centre. A pinpoint

pass from Hazard and a cool right-foot finishing from the 19-year-old Origi gave Belgium the victory.

"Nobody could have thought this possible," said Origi, who was only called into the squad because No. 1 striker Christian Benteke injured his Achilles in April. Most of Belgium barely knew of the talented young player developing quickly for Lille in the French league.

Belgium didn't play with any real authority for most of the game on a bright, sunny afternoon in Rio, confounding predictions that it should be one of the teams to watch at the World Cup.

Instead, it was Russia that applied most pressure in the second half and was let down by its blunt finishing touch. That helped give Belgian goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois his 100th professional clean sheet at age 22.

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## In injury time. Portugal gets a lifeline, denies U.S. spot in second round

Varela headed in an equalizer in injury time to salvage a 2-2 draw for Portugal against the United States at the World Cup on Sunday and deny the Americans a spot in the second round.

Cristiano Ronaldo swung in a cross from the right and Varela thumped a header into the net to keep Portugal alive in the tournament.

Clint Dempsey had given the U.S. the lead when he used his stomach to direct the ball into the net from a cross by Graham Zusi in the 81st minute.

Jermaine Jones had equalized for the Americans earlier in the second half, after Nani gave Portugal an early lead.

A win would have put the U.S. into the second round,



Portugal's Varela  
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but it can still advance with at least a draw against Germany in the next game.

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## Against South Korea. Algeria claims first World Cup victory since 1982

First half strikes by Islam Slimani and Rafik Halliche helped Algeria to beat South Korea 4-2 on Sunday and become the first African team to score four goals in a World Cup match.

Algeria led 3-0 at halftime, but withstood a stronger South Korean second half performance to claim its first World Cup win since 1982 and move into second place in Group H with one match left to play.

Defeat for South Korea means it must now beat already-qualified Belgium to stand a chance of progressing to the knockout stages. Bel-

At halftime, 3-0

"The first period was almost perfect."

Algeria's coach Vahid Halilhodzic.

gium leads with six points, Algeria now has three, while Russia and the South Koreans have one apiece.

"Our defence wasn't as good as it should have been," South Korea coach Hong Myung-bo said. "We will now do our best to the very end of the competition. That's the only option we have left."

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### Germany versus Ghana

## FIFA told neo-Nazi invaded the pitch

FIFA will be advised on Monday that a neo-Nazi sympathizer invaded the pitch during the Germany-Ghana match.

The fans' anti-discrimination network, Fare, says it is preparing a report on Saturday's incident, when a shirtless fan interrupted play.

Slogans written on his chest and back included "HH", signifying Heil Hitler, and "SS," referring to the Nazi paramilitary unit. Fare executive director Piara



Ghana's Sulley Muntari helps a man off the pitch in Fortaleza, Brazil, Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Powar tells The Associated Press "there would be no other explanation for it."

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

This will be one of those weeks when, if you sit back and relax, spend quality time with friends and just generally let things happen, life will be perfect in every possible way.

### ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Friends and relatives will do what you ask if you ask nicely. Also, if there is something you know they desire and you are in a position to get it for them then go for it.

### ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

This is potentially one of the best days of the year for you as Venus moves into your birth sign. Good things will come at you from all directions, which may be overwhelming.

### ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

No matter how bad your current situation might appear to be, don't make an issue of it. Something positive is about to happen in your life but to make the most of it you must be positive too.

### ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Friendships are under excellent stars today, so if you are bored with your home life or your work seek out people who make you feel glad to be alive.

### ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Venus, planet of harmony, crosses the career angle of your chart today, so you should find it a whole lot easier to get your way with people in positions of power. By the end of the day they will be eating out of your hand.

### ♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will be in an adventurous mood and that's good because the planets suggest if you go where you have never been before you will meet someone who lights up your life.

### ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may be a bit touchy where money and possessions are concerned but the planets indicate you have precious little to worry about, so lighten up and believe that it will all come right in the end.

### ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Everyone seems to be singing your praises but your number one priority should be helping someone else feel special. A loved one is feeling a bit neglected, so go out of your way to spend time with them.

### ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Try not to make too much of a fuss if someone with whom you live, work or do business makes a mess of what they do today. Make allowances and make sure, if it's important, you do it yourself next time.

### ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Venus, planet of harmony, moves into the most creative area of your chart today, so it's unlikely you will want to be too serious about, well, just about anything.

### ♓ Pisces

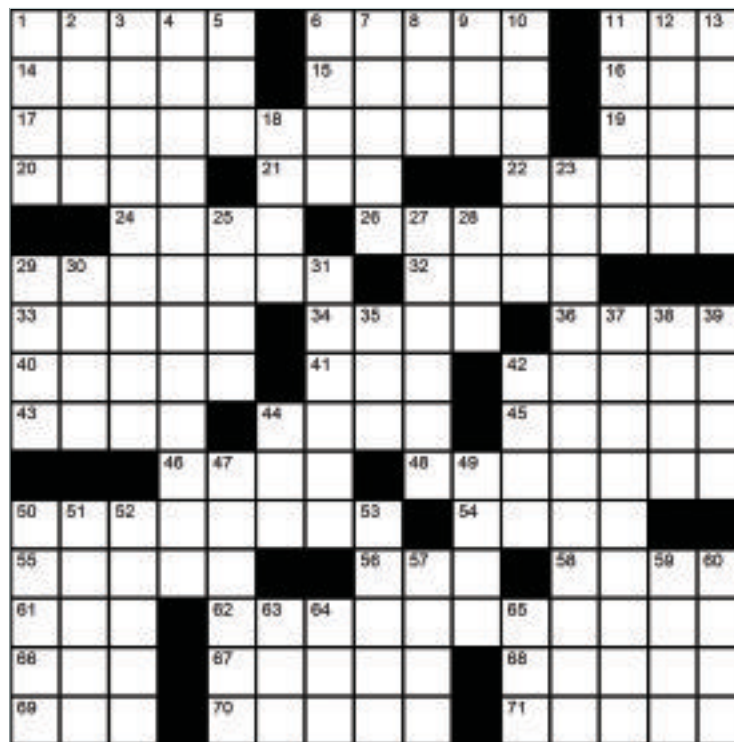
Feb. 20 - March 20

You may not agree with what a friend or family member is going to do but they have made up their mind about it so you might as well give them your support. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

- Modern day witchcraft
- "I shall never see \_\_\_ lovely as..." - Joyce Kilmer
- Guys
- \_\_\_ water
- Greek holiday island
- Chopper
- Muskokas locale of the Bethune Memorial House National Historic Site of Canada
- \_\_\_-d'Or, QC
- Not all
- Li'l political title
- Beatles: "\_\_\_"
- \_\_\_-dieu (Praying furniture piece)
- Edmonton: \_\_\_
- The Live Improvised Soap Opera
- Toronto attraction, Ontario \_\_\_ Centre
- "More after!", texting-style
- Wear away
- \_\_\_ Ness Monster
- Recipe meas.
- Paul McCartney's "\_\_\_ Was Lonely"
- "Nope."
- Type of healing technique
- "\_\_\_ miracle!"
- Split
- Actor Alan
- Actress Teri
- Kate Middleton's title



- Loonie's competition: acr. + wd.
- Josh Groban's "You Raise \_\_\_": 2 wds.
- Russian pancake
- Dawn goddess
- Actress Ms. Thompson
- Deplete
- Vintage bathroom

- feature: 2 wds.
- Toronto summer hrs.
- Ancient myth's blood
- Tea type
- Napoleonic Wars marshal
- Turkish city
- Tambourine, e.g.

### Down

- Mannequin manes
- Small obi accessory
- Edmonton nickname, 'The City of \_\_\_'
- Kind of horse-drawn transport at Remington Carriage Museum in Cardston, AB: 2 wds.
- Consumed
- Tooth complaint
- Hammer
- Ex-Bruin Bobby
- Carmela's portrayer on "The Sopranos" ...her initials-sharers
- Fletcher Christian's uprising
- Singer Ms. Staples

- Glorify
- Ms. Furtado
- Itsy-bitsy bit of a min.
- Toronto-born actor grandfather (b.1883-d.1950) of actress Anjelica: 2 wds.
- Bellybutton type
- Scratched
- Ordinal suffix
- Quasi
- 'Pluto' suffix (Rich ruler)
- Alberta village, 'The Friendly Community'
- Paddle
- Cycling routes: 2 wds.
- Water \_\_\_ (Summertime gear)
- Brooches
- Track event
- Li'l old MTV show
- Singer Ms. Keys
- "\_\_\_, are you ready?" (Er, like, hurry up!)
- Kelly Clarkson's "Since \_\_\_ Gone"
- England's "Run Runaway" band
- Simple song
- Took trophy back
- Canadian cellist Ms. Harnoy
- Couple
- "Two guys walk into \_\_\_"
- Math fractions acronym
- '80s group
- Sash

### Friday's Crossword



### Sudoku

#### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

### Friday's Sudoku

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